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SUMMARY: MBFR WORKING GROUP REVIEWED FEB 5 NEW U.S. DATA ON AIR MANPOWER, HEARD BELGIUM AND FRG OPPOSE IMPLICATION THAT ALLIES MIGHT PUT FORWARD AIR DATA TO THE EAST AT THIS TIME, AND REMANDED FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF FIGURES TO DATA SUBGROUP. CHAIRMAN REPORTED HE HAD SENT DATA SUBGROUP CHAIRMAN TO VIENNA TO EXPLAIN CURRENT MIS-UNDERSTANDINGS ON ALLIED FIGURES. END SUMMARY

1. U.S. REP CIRCULATED REF A AIR MANPOWER DATA AT FEB 5 MBFR WG MEETING AND PROPOSED THAT DATA SUBGROUP ASSUME TASK OF EXAMINING DETAILS. OTHERS ENDORSED APPROACH, BUT FRG AND UK INSISTED SUB-
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GROUP ALSO STUDY IMPACT OF U.S. AIR MANPOWER DATA ON CURRENT NATO GROUND FORCE ESTIMATES. SUBGROUP WILL MEET FEB 12 TO BEGIN CONSIDERATION OF BOTH ASPECTS OF DATA PROBLEM.

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2. DURING DISCUSSION, BELGIUM REP (BURNY) SAID THAT POINT MADE IN PARA 3 OF REF A HAD POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS. WHILE HE DID NOT OBJECT ALLIES TO DEVELOPING SET OF FOUR FIGURES AS PROPOSED BY U.S., HE WOULD RESERVE ON QUESTION OF WHETHER ALLIES SHOULD PUT FORWARD ANY AIR DATA TO EAST AT THIS TIME. U.S. REP REPLIED THAT PURPOSE OF EXERCISE WAS TO PREPARE FOR CONTINGENCY THAT POLITICAL AUTHORITIES MIGHT REQUIRE SUCH DATA. FED REP (DZIALAS) SUPPORTED BELGIAN POSITION AND FURTHER EXPRESSED OPPOSITION TO ANY ACTION WHICH MIGHT SUGGEST NATO'S ACCEPTANCE OF SOVIET PROPOSALS TO INCLUDE AIR FORCES AND PERSONNEL IN A REDUCTIONS AGREEMENT. U.S. REP REPLIED THAT PRESENTATION OF U.S. AIR MANPOWER FIGURES IN MBFR W.G. DID NOT INDICATE U.S.ACCEPTANCE OF SOVIET PROPOSAL.

3. GIVEN TASKS NOW ASSIGNED TO DATA SUBGROUP, CANADIAN REP (BECKETT) QUESTIONED ROLE OF AHG'S MILITARY DATA SUBGROUP. CHAIRMAN (SMITH) REPLIED THAT HE HAD SENT DATA SUBGROUP CHAIRMAN (BRANSON)
TO VIENNA TO SORT OUT APPARENT DISCREPANCIES IN NATO HELD DATA. CHAIRMAN SAID FRG REPORTED 341 THOUSAND GROUND FORCES IN NGA, BUT THIS INCLUDED 16 THOUSAND IN VOCATIONAL TRAINING SCHOOLS. FRG REP INSISTED THAT GROUND FIGURE FOR FRG IS 341 THOUSAND. CHAIRMAN SAID HE RECOGNIZED THAT SEVERAL ALLIES WERE CONCERNED AS TO FUTURE ACTIONS MILITARY DATA SUBGROUP MIGHT TAKE ON FIGURES, AND SAID HE HAD INSTRUCTED BRANSON TO STATE FIRMLY THAT FROM MILITARY POINT OF VIEW, ENTIRE PROCESS OF COLLECTING, COLLATING AND FINALLY AGREEING TO NATIONAL DATA INPUTS MUST NECESSARILY REMAIN AT NATO HQS.

4. WORKING GROUP DISCUSSION OF DATA QUESTIONS PORTENDS SEVERAL PROBLEM AREAS, NOTABLY WITH RESPECT TO MANNER OF COUNTING ALLIED AIR FORCES, RECONCILING DIVERGENT NATIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS ON PACT MANPOWER, AND RELATIONSHIP OF AIR MANPOWER TO GROUND FORCE ESTIMATES. WE WILL NEED ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS IN REF B, AS WELL AS OTHER POINTS (SEPTEL) WHICH SHOULD HELP REDUCE PROBLEM AREAS AND EXPLAIN DISCREPANCIES.
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